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Aloha No

I am running for an At-Large seat on the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) because I believe in OHA's purpose and goals. OHA has served our communities well and must continue to strive to improve. To do so, OHA needs to reach out and work closer with our communities and other organizations. The support of our communities and other organizations is imperative to our sustainability as Native people.

Involved with the civic club movement for the past 20 years, I am currently a member and serve on the Board of Directors of 'Ahahui Siwila Hawaii O Kapolei (Kapolei Hawaiian Civic Club). This exposure has provided me with invaluable experiences, and has honed my ability to work with other organizations to advocate for the community on cultural, social and educational issues, and to mediate important issue such as the repatriation of kupuna iwi. I have helped to develop solutions addressing community issues and legislation working with community organizations, private entities and city, state and federal agencies. My passion and dedication in working with community and others on these and others issues are unwavering.

I am Hawaiian. My 'ohana are Lew, Guerreiro, Luka, Namakaeha and Kunewa from Waialua, Oahu, and Kona, Hawaii. I grew up in Kakaako, and now live in Ewa. I have more than 15 years of financial accounting experience and currently work full-time for a Native Hawaiian non-profit organization.